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GOVERNOR BARBOUR DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ANTICIPATION OF SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

Jackson, Mississippi – Governor Haley Barbour today declared a state of emergency in anticipation that extreme and prolonged subfreezing temperatures will produce dangerous weather conditions across Mississippi.

"These conditions will increase the risk of personal harm or death," Governor Barbour said. "I am very concerned that it may also result in an abnormally high demand and potential supply shortages for conventional heating fuels, and threaten the safety and well-being of the citizens and property throughout the State of Mississippi."

The Governor ordered state agencies to take all steps to protect people and property. Under the emergency responsibilities set forth in the State of Mississippi Emergency Operations Plan ...